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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 2-5 and 7-17. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled in favor of new claims 16 and 17 to improve their form. Accordingly, claims 2-5 and 7-11 which previously depended on claims 1 and 6 respectively have been amended to depend on claims 16 and 17, respectively. These claims and claims 12-15 have also been amended to improve their form or to delete reference numerals. Reconsideration is expressly requested.

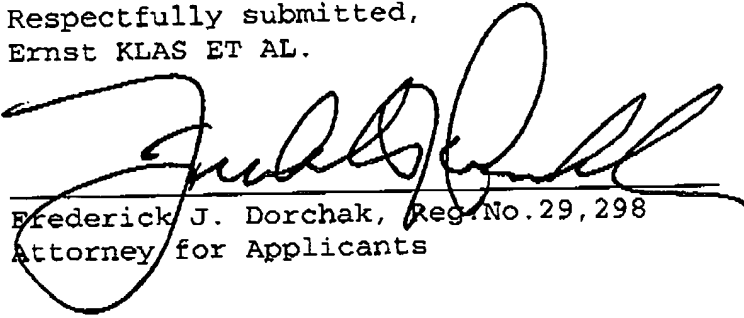
The Examiner indicated that claims 1-15 contain allowable subject matter; however, these claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 6 in favor of new claims 16 and 17, and have amended claims 2-5 and 7-15 to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims fully comply 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejection on this basis be withdrawn.

In summary, claims 2-5 and 7-15 have been amended, claims 1 and 6 have been canceled, and new claims 16 and 17 have been added. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
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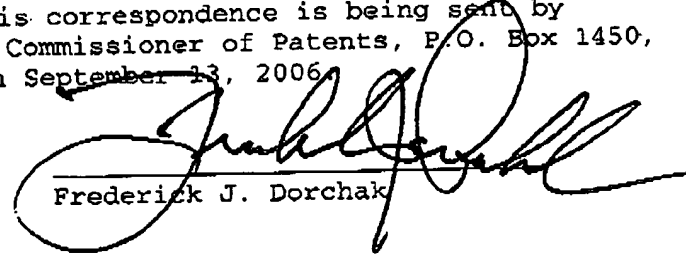
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